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FOLLOWING BRIEF ITEMS FROM AUGUST 16 PRESS ARE OF INTEREST:

1. PALESTINIANS. UNSOURCED ITEM FROM AHRAM STATES ARAFAT WILL LEAVE WITHIN A FEW DAYS FOR MOSCOW AT INVITATION OF CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET LEADERS. SEPARATE ITEM, ALSO UNSOURCED, STATES THAT PALESTINIAN DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS ABOUT "LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ME CRISIS." DELEGATION WILL REPORTEDLY INCLUDE KHALIK FAHHOUM, FAROUK QADDUMI AND ZUHAYR MUHSIN.
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2. WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO EGYPT IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AUGUST 31. AHRAM'S ITEM ON UNSYG'S TRIP NOTES THAT, IF TIME PERMITS, WALDHEIM MAY TRAVEL TO ALGIERS FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

3. LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN UNITY. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT SADAT MET AUGUST 15 WITH HATEM, SALEM AND MARWAN FOR THREE AND ONE HALF HOURS. SUBJECT OF MEETING WAS NOT GIVEN, BUT, BASED UPON COMPOSITION OF GROUP, UNITY WAS MOST LIKELY FOCUS. THERE IS NO ELABORATION OF ITEM AND, IN THIS REGARD, PRESS HAS CONTAINED NOTHING ON EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN UNITY MATTERS FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER MENTION OF JALLUD'S VISIT TO CAIRO.

4. ECONOMIC OPENNESS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT. SIGNIFICANT ARTICLE APPEARS IN AHRAM AUGUST 18 DEVOTED TO QUESTION OF WHETHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH A SOCIALIST ECONOMY. ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY LEADING ESTABLISH-MENT FIGURE AND PARLIAMENTARIAN GAMMAL OTEIFI, SKETCHES DEVELOPING US/SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, AND CONCLUDES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMY TO ACCOMMODATE A DEGREE OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT. OTEIFI PROMISES TO WRITE FURTHER ON WHAT LEVELS OF INVESTMENT AND DEGREES OF FREEDOM WOULD BE BEST.

5. IN BRIEF ITEMS, CAIRO PRESS CARRIED MORE OR LESS FACTUAL SUMMARY OF AP ITEM OF AUGUST 15 TO EFFECT THAT SUCCESSOR TO JOSEPH GREENE WOULD NOT BE APPOINTED IN NEAR FUTURE.
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